



# The Hongkong Telegraph.

## Jerusalem To Be Open City?

Lake Success, Apr. 25.—Emergency steps designed to make Jerusalem virtually an open city took top priority in the United Nations today.

Many United Nations delegates have almost abandoned hope of obtaining an effective truce in the Holy Land but seek a way to spare Jerusalem's holy places.

Alexandre Pardol, of France, put before the Assembly Political Committee a resolution intended to place Jerusalem under United Nations control.

Pardol's resolution will be debated in the political committee tomorrow.

Pardol indicated that he hopes the United Nations will be able to agree on Palestinian guards in Jerusalem to protect the city if it becomes a United Nations responsibility. — Associated Press.

## Russia Ends Boycott Of Trusteeship Council

Lake Success, Apr. 25.—Soviet Russia ended its boycott of the United Nations Trusteeship Council today, apparently to have a full voice in Council debate on Palestine.

## Train Dives Into Gorge

### Two People Killed

Adamsville, Alabama, Apr. 25.—The fast Miami to Chicago passenger train, "Sunshiner," today hurtled from the rails on a horse-shoe curve and the locomotive and three cars plummeted into a 100-foot deep gorge.

Two persons were killed and about 40 injured.

Seven other cars of the 13-car train derailed but stayed upright on the single track roadbed. The last three cars stuck to the track.

Engineer James Booth died the gust of scalding steam at the controls.

One woman passenger was killed. Of the injured being attended at Birmingham, 10 miles southeast of the accident, doctors said that about six to eight were in serious condition.

The cause of the accident was not officially explained. —United Press.

**MAIL TRAIN DERAILED**  
Bombay, Apr. 25.—One person was killed and three wounded when the Calcutta mail train was derailed about 174 miles northwest of here early today. —Reuter.

### EDITORIAL

## Another Whitehall Threat

**T**HIS experimental abolition of the death penalty in England, at first of vicarious interest to the general public of Hongkong, threatens to become a major issue if Mr. Chuter Ede, the Home Secretary, succeeds in persuading the British Government to extend the same experiment to the colonies. Hongkong will resent any such intrusion into its domestic affairs. The question is not so much whether it is right and proper for Hongkong and other colonies to abolish capital punishment, but whether they should be made to do so at the dictate of Whitehall. Hongkong has become weary accustomed to the dominating influence of the Colonial Office and Treasury, and only under protest have we accepted the financial control now being exercised as a reminder that Hongkong is still indebted to the Imperial Government during the war. However, while it is possible to make out a case to some degree justifying Whitehall control of our public expenditure, there is much less justification for instructions compelling us to amend our criminal court code of procedure purely on the thesis that what is right for Britain is proper for the colonial empire. Mr. Chuter Ede's argument implies that the result of a free vote in the House of Commons on a subject such as the abolition of the death penalty also represents the opinion of the people living in the colonies. This is absurd. There was never any suggestion by the original proposers of the

Official reports reaching Jerusalem said mortar shells began to rain down on Jaffa—the ancient port of Jerusalem—about 7 a.m. local time. Two Arabs were killed and 64 others were wounded, it was added. Preliminary casualty figures said two Jews were also known to have been killed.

An Arab source in Jerusalem admitted that the Jews had penetrated the "No Man's Land" separating Jaffa from Tel-Aviv and were reported to have occupied the Minshah quarter, including the police station.

### ARABS FLEE

In Tel-Aviv, Jews on the sea-front with field glasses watched Arabs fleeing from Jaffa in small boats.

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### AIRPORT SAID OCCUPIED

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### STUDENTS' DEMANDS

Baghdad, Apr. 26.—All of Baghdad's colleges and schools declared an indefinite strike on Sunday until the Government recruits all able-bodied Iraqis and sends the regular army to fight in Palestine.

Simultaneously, a mass meeting of the nation's Liberal party made the following demands:

1. The Regular Army should occupy Palestine.

2. Arms for Palestine must be collected from the Iraqi tribes.

3. Recruiting centres should be opened up throughout Iraq.

These moves followed "British treachery in surrendering Haifa to the Zionists" as one newspaper wrote.

It was authoritatively learned that the flow of patrol to Haifa was stopped three days ago. Supplies still continue to Tripoli.

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### MARTIAL LAW

In Jerusalem, the British Army proclaimed martial law tonight in the Arab Sheikh Jarrah quarter of the city, which was attacked by the Jews earlier today.

Lieutenant-General G. H. A. MacMillan, General Officer Commanding Palestine, imposed martial law because the fighting in the quarter was threatening the British withdrawal route on the Jerusalem-Nablus road.

The Haganah forces who occupied a number of Arab positions in this suburb last night have now been driven out by British forces.

According to Jewish sources, Haganah killed 20 Arabs for the loss of two dead and 20 wounded.

A Jewish source in Jerusalem said British guns blasted Haganah positions tonight before they were occupied. Jewish casualties were not known.

Meanwhile, the three Consult-General named by the Security Council on Friday as the Palestine truce committee—the United States, French and Belgian Consuls-General—met informally in Jerusalem today.

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## POLICE AND COMMUNISTS FIGHT IN MILAN'S CATHEDRAL SQUARE

Milan, Apr. 25.—Rifle swinging police, aided by a timely rain storm, today broke up Italy's post-election riot. Communists provoked and guided the wild demonstration in Milan's famed Cathedral Square.

For an hour police, in jeeps and armoured cars, fired into the air and charged into the crowd of 25,000 partisan fighters who were being led by Communists.

Panicky residents of the city cheered as heavy police reinforcements arrived. The Communists apparently fired at the police. A passerby was known to have been injured and a National policeman was killed by a bullet which reportedly was not from police guns.

A streetcar came under a burst of machinegun fire, but its terrified passengers escaped injury.

This was the third anniversary of Italy's liberation from the Germans and the partisans were allowed to celebrate with a meeting in the courtyard of Storozesio Castle. There the underground fighters of the war heard Luigi Longo, Italy's No 2 Communist, declare:

"Today as then (in the uprising against the Nazis), we rise as one single man—without authorisation—in defence of liberty and to stage our commemoration for the fallen in the war of liberation."

With those words in their ears, the partisans left the courtyard and formed ranks for the half mile march to the Cathedral Square. Their attempt to parade defied a government order issued to prevent Communist outbreaks.

The police were ready for the marchers. From side streets roared jeeps, armoured cars and great gun carriages. These formed a bumper

barrier across the street. Rifles and machineguns were aimed at the partisans.

For the moment the Loftis faltered. Then someone shot off a firecracker and the partisans surged against the police lines.

Thudding clubs and a spray of machinegun fire over their heads scattered the marchers to side streets. They reformed farther down the main road to the Square.

A second police barrier failed to halt them, and one column actually reached the Square.

There the police clubbed everyone within reach.

Hastily the marchers pulled off their red neckerchiefs, stuck them in their pockets and fled.

At that moment a heavy thunderstorm broke, and the rain cooled things off. Soon the only person in the square was a solitary monk plodding toward the cathedral. —Associated Press.

## Mortar Shells Rain Down On Port Of Jaffa

### HEAVY JEWISH ASSAULT

Jerusalem, Apr. 25.—Unleashing the biggest mortar barrage yet seen in the Arab-Jewish fighting, Jewish forces today launched an all out attack on the all-Arab "orange port" of Jaffa, five days after they had seized control of Haifa, Palestine's biggest seaport.

Reports from the adjoining Jewish city of Tel Aviv said tonight that 3,000 men of the Irgun Zvai Leumi opened the attack, but in Jerusalem it was said forces of Haganah, the Jewish defence army, went into action after blasting the port with mortars.

The Irgun district commander made this announcement in Tel Aviv: "Our soldiers began a counter-offensive against Jaffa at dawn this morning. The attack continues."

So far, they have received no official instructions from the Security Council: "All we know is what we have read in the newspapers and heard on the radio," one of them said. —Reuter.

### HK Message Of

#### Felicitation

The following message has been sent to Their Majesties on the occasion of Their Majesties' Silver Wedding Anniversary:

"On the occasion of Your Majesties' Silver Wedding the Government and people of Hongkong wish to join with all Your Majesties' subjects the world over in a common expression of loyalty and affection. On their behalf I tender, with humble and loyal devotion, heartfelt congratulations on this occasion and best wishes for the future." —Signed Alexander Grantham, Governor.

An official statement said a court of enquiry was being convened immediately.

The first warning of trouble came when a truckload of Ceylonese troops were stopped by military police along the main road to Iphoh.

An officer said a truck had been commanded by the Ceylonese. It was reported back to camp and serious trouble started soon afterwards.

**REDS' SIEGE  
OF LOCHUAN  
SMASHED**

Shanghai, Apr. 26.—The Nationalists have smashed the month-long siege of Locheuan, 60 miles south of Yenan, and have broken the furious Communist attack on Yinghsien, 35 miles south of Tatung, but a new crisis developed in Weihai, 80 miles west of Tsingtao.

Government columns which last week evacuated and abandoned Yenan, former Red capital, played a major role in breaking the Communist ring around Locheuan, according to Government reports.

The Nationalists were now said to be advancing on Chungku, 20 miles southwest of Locheuan, where the Communists were said to be looting the city, setting fire on main buildings in preparation for a retreat.

A United Press dispatch from Peiping describing the fighting of Yinghsien said that government war planes attacked and silenced Red artillery units on the outskirts of the city causing heavy casualties on the Red reinforcements moving from the east.

The Headquarters of Gen. Fu Tso-yi's command in Peiping said that 7,000 Communists were killed in 10 days of fighting through April 24.

The dispatch also told of a clash with the guerrillas only 13 miles east of Peiping and Sanho, 40 miles east of Peiping.

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Last week the siege was broken temporarily when the Reds suddenly withdrew in a move which later proved to be a strategical withdrawal to reform and redeploy the besieging forces. Peiping reports said the Reds broke into the city after heavy guns smashed the wall on the north side. —United Press.

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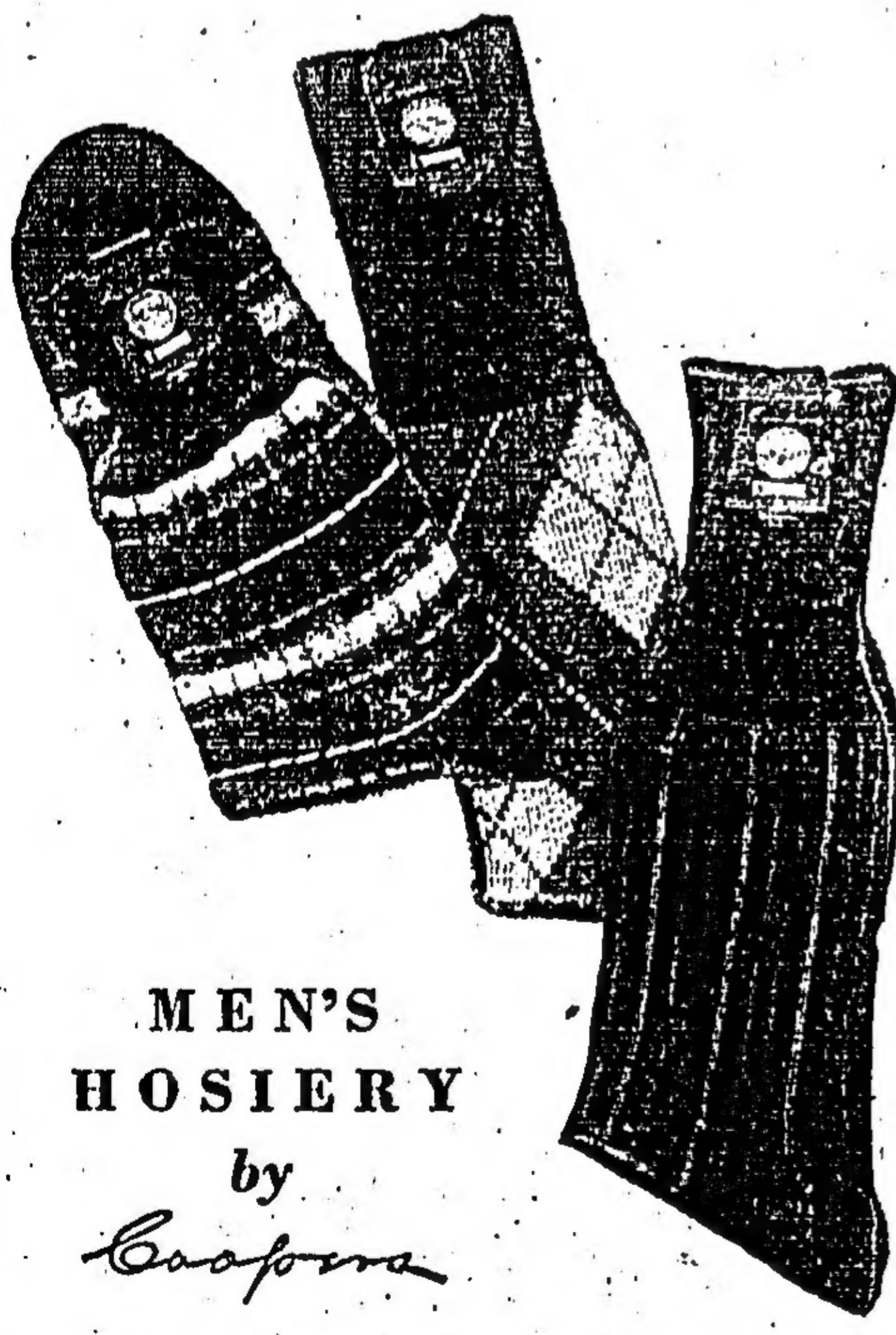
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## LONDON DESIGNERS

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West End Menu

By ROBB and ANNE EDWARDS



## The cabaret star

... was a hat. This flat bonnet is in mushroom pink straw, with primulas and pink and white roses. Ties on with black velvet cords. No. 6 favourite was a flower-girl toque in pink felt and blue straw, with a pink rose and black plume.

PROPER DIET  
IN  
PREGNANCY

By Garry Cleveland Myers, Ph.D.

YEAR by year, thanks to the marvellous progress of medical science, more babies yet unborn (excepting those destroyed by voluntary abortion) will be born alive, will stay alive; and their mothers will have an easier pregnancy and better health after the child's birth. The gain has come about chiefly through the better choice of foods for the pregnant woman.

A vast amount of precious knowledge about proper nourishment of the pregnant woman was recently developed at the University of Toronto, at Harvard School of Public Health, and at the Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia.

## Select Diets

At the Pennsylvania Hospital 593 pregnant women who had select diets were compared with 772 who did not. In the latter group (whose diets were not selected) 38 percent more babies were born dead, 15 percent more babies died in the first few weeks and 70 percent more were born premature. Besides, there was a much larger amount of toxæmia (indicated by morning sickness, high blood pressure, swollen feet and ankles, excessive weight, mal-functioning of kidneys, nervousness and fatigue) among the mothers of the latter group.

At the Harvard School of Public Health four-fifths of the babies born in poor condition had mothers with poor diet. In every case but one, of stillborn, premature or death-in-a-few-days babies—a total of 216 cases—the mother had had inadequate diet during her pregnancy.

## Deformities

Laboratory experiments on animals also indicated inadequate diets to have been responsible—for clubfeet, cleft palates, bone deformities, and many cases of blindness at birth.

As worked out at the Pennsylvania Hospital, here is the minimum daily diet for the pregnant woman: Three glasses of milk. Two cups of cooked vegetables. No more than one glass of fruit juice. Only one serving of fresh fruit. Two servings of wholegrain cereal. Not more than three slices of whole-wheat bread (no plain white bread at all).

## Leafy Vegetables

One cup of salad with leafy vegetables or of other highly coloured vegetables, with any kind of dressing desired. Three squares of butter, or two tablespoons of oil, not both. One egg (though two or three could be taken safely).

Six ounces of lean meat, fish or fowl. Especially recommended are liver and other organ meat. Twenty per cent meat may be added; also one and a half ounces of cheese (cream cheese not allowed).

Flavoured gelatin or junket, fruit whip or custard.

Starchy foods like potatoes, rice, spaghetti, corn, dried beans and lima beans are severely restricted—only one and a half teaspoons of any one allowed. Pastries, ice creams, candy, nuts, forbidden.

Liquids of all kinds are limited to 8 glasses in 24 hours. Salt and salty foods to be avoided. The expectant mother is advised to eat six small meals a day instead of six big ones. Also certain vitamin combinations selected by the physician are to be added.

## RED RYDER



## One Down

THERE GOES  
THE SAFE!YEAH! BUT I'M WORRIED  
ABOUT JOE STOPPIN'  
THAT GONDO!AND DUNA AND HER COMPANION  
HAVE REASON TO WORRY...

## That Well-Dressed Look



Good taste in clothes and beautiful carriage combine to give Screen Star Loretta Young "that well-dressed look".

By HELEN FOLLETT

THE "showgirls" at a most unusual West End cabaret recently walked on, smiled, turned about, and then walked off. The eyes of the audience of diners and dancers were not on the girls—but on their hats. Six of London's leading hat designers had for one night only added their newest spring models to the menu at the Hungaria.

They showed bonnets with flowers, boaters with ribbons, Piccadilly flower-girl hats typically trimmed with red tape, and enormous straws tied on with velvet ribbons.

But the prices were strictly in the "liqueur" class . . . up to as much as £20. Yet the creator of the most expensive hats in the parade also designed the five gay models shown below—at "shandy" prices. Study the sketches carefully and hunt for these styles in your own shops. There—minus the cabaret spotlights—you will find them at lower prices.



tion to the harmoniousness of her dress accessories. One should look well harmonised, which means that the foundation garments must be selected with care. An experienced corsetiere can do wonders in remodelling a figure that doesn't qualify. She slivers down the bumps and shelves, gives fullness if the figure requires it.

## Correct Posture

Do not overlook the importance of correct posture. Endeavour to assume a poised, confident attitude when standing, sitting or walking. Self-consciousness causes the body to assume awkward poses. What can one do about self consciousness? Ah, my paper friend, that is a long and different story.

Through graceful posture, the attire is given importance. It assumes pleasing lines that are accentuated by the grace of the body lines.

Wear your clothes as if you loved them and they loved you. That will bring out the good points, conceal the poor ones if you happen to have any.

## Jerky Steps

The girl who slouches or slinks or walks with jerky steps will never line up in the national dress show that goes on all the time. Neither will the one who pays little attention to the harmoniousness of her dress accessories.

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## BOYS AND GIRLS MAGAZINE

## POSERS?

## FAMOUS PEOPLE

Here are 10 questions about famous people. The correct answers are printed below upside down:

1. Who wrote the book "Jane Eyre"? Was she English or American?

2. — Fenimore — wrote the famous "Leatherstocking" series. Fill in missing words.

3. The first name of this explorer was "Roald." What was his last name?

4. Was Mary Sheldon Barnes an American or English educator?

5. "F. P. A." stands for what American journalist?

6. Name three classical composers whose last names start with the letter B.

7. "Thanatopsis" was written by what American poet?

8. Who is called the "father of English poetry"?

9. What famous inventor who died in 1922 gave large sums of money to aid the deaf?

10. What Scottish poet married his "bonny Jean" in the year 1787?

## POSER ANSWERS



The Shadow went to the train to meet grandmother.

are now grown up. When the children grow up and have their children mother and father will be old enough to be a grandmother and a grandfather. So they'll be good and old.

Old Things

Knarf said he was sure that old grandmothers liked to have old things around them. "I mean," he explained, "that she'll like the old clock in the hall. And she'll like the old dishes—and the old books. And she'll sit in the old rocking-chair. She'll like everything in the house that's old."

"Oh, I'm not sure of that," said Knarf.

"You'll see," said Knarf. "Here she comes now!"

Grandmother was smiling as she greeted her loved ones. Knarf was surprised to see that she wasn't wearing old clothes (as he thought she might). On the contrary, all her clothes looked bright and new.

And when grandmother finally got home she didn't sit down in the old rocking-chair next to the old clock in the hall and start reading on old book.

She took off her hat and coat, went upstairs directly, and played with the baby!

Rupert helps Dr. Lion—21



Entering the wood Rupert searches for a particular tree. "I asked three clever men and they haven't helped me," he said. "There's 'the old owl' over this wood. He's the head of all the birds and he may know lots of things that no man can ever know. If only I can find him I'll ask if he will tell me how to make the sun shine for Dr. Lion." At length he finds the tree he is searching for and climbs up to a large hole in the trunk.

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## WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



**NEW TREATMENT FOR WHOOPING COUGH**  
Doctor Alice Salmon of Paris examines a child in the French capital after receiving altitude treatment for whooping cough. Using low pressures brought about by a pressure bell for about 50 minutes, doctors have been able to cure the disease.



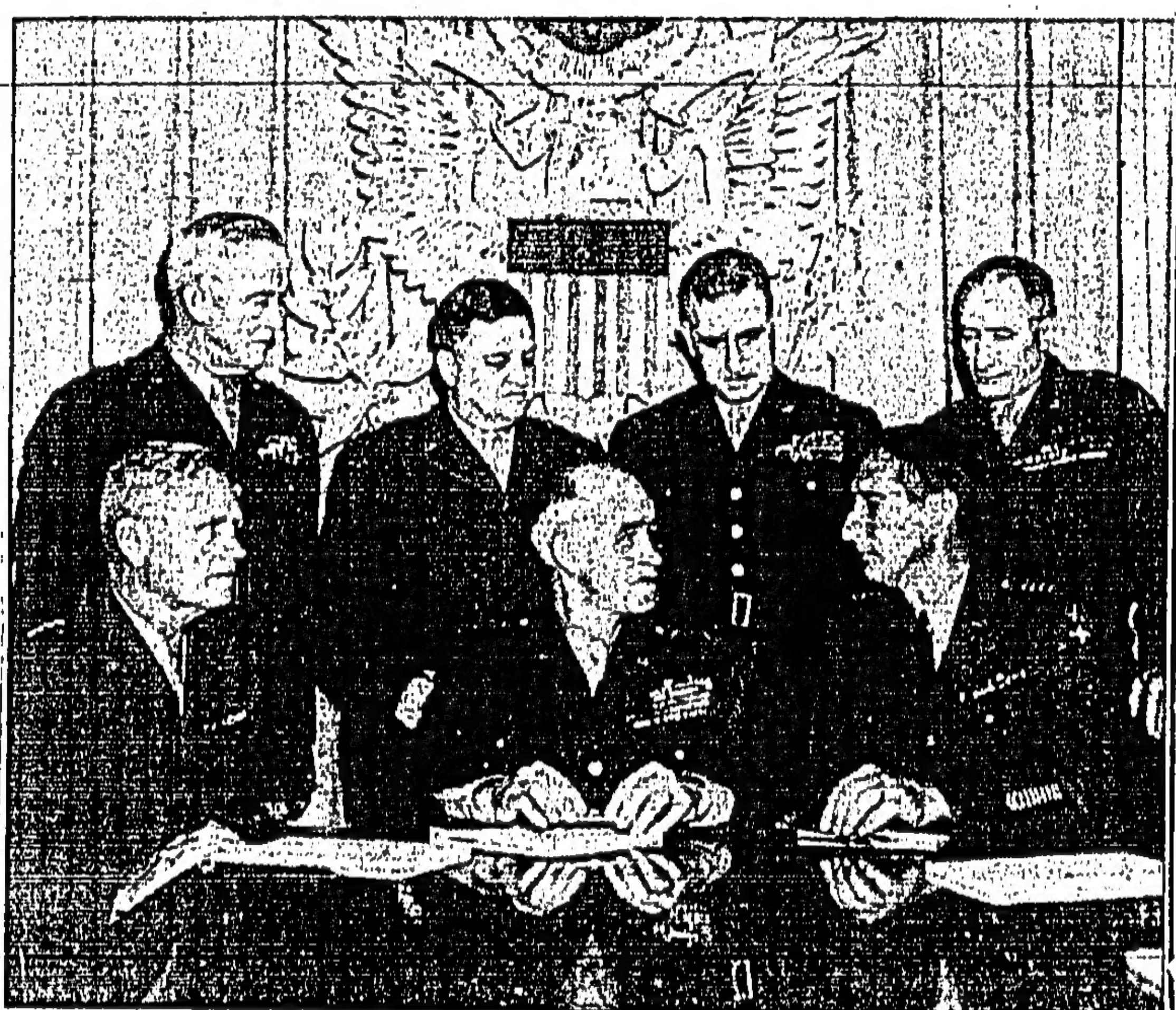
**REGATTA QUEEN**—Betty Adolph, Queen of the Biscayne Bay Regatta at Miami, shows her royal form during a spin across the bay.



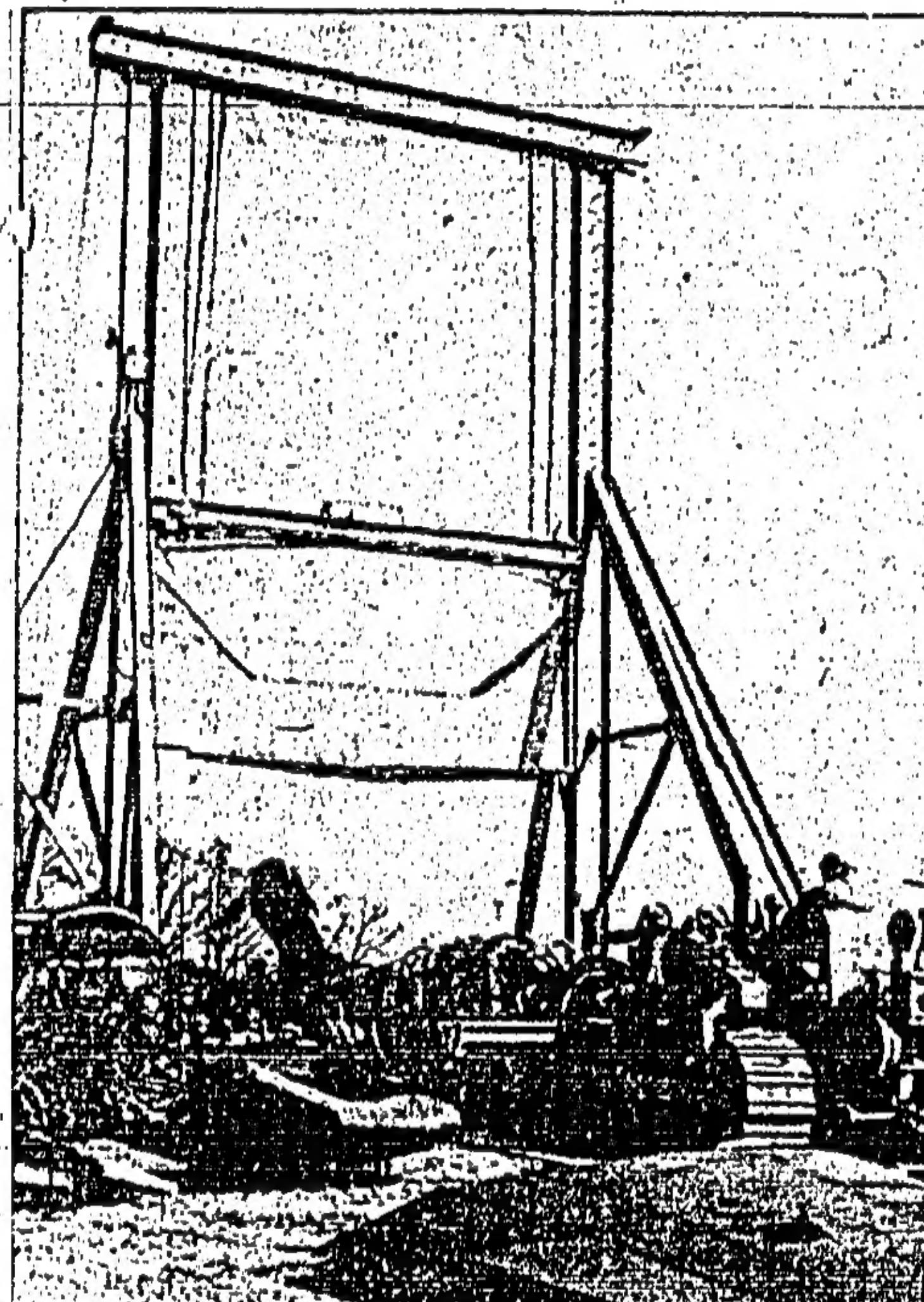
**TOKYO APARTMENT HUNTERS**—Tokyo has its housing problems, too. Here apartment hunters apply for the 37 apartments being constructed in the compounds of the former villa of Prince Takamatsu, brother of Emperor Hirohito. There were more than 20,000 applicants.



**THE HORSEY SET**—When it's Rodeo Week in Tucson, Arizona, the horsey set takes over. Here Gold Tony, famous for his trick performances, gets trimmed in a barber shop—manicure and hair brushing. Gold Tony was one of the stars at the Old Pueblo rodeo.



**GENERAL BRADLEY AND HIS COMMANDERS**—Gen. Omar Bradley, seated centre, U.S. Army Chief of Staff, meets his top-ranking commanders to discuss problems at hand. Flanking Bradley are Gen. Thomas Handy, left, of the Fourth Army; and Gen. Mark Clark of the Sixth. Standing, left to right, are: the First Army's Gen. Courtney Hodges, the Fifth's Walton H. Walker, Gen. Leonard T. Gerow of the Second, and Third Army's Lt. Gen. Alvan C. Gillem.



**ON THE BLOCK**—The aeroplane graveyard, right, at the Naval Air Station in Norfolk is made up of obsolete and wrecked aeroplanes. At left, a bulldozer pushes one of the planes under the guillotine, a giant blade that chops them up for metal salvage.

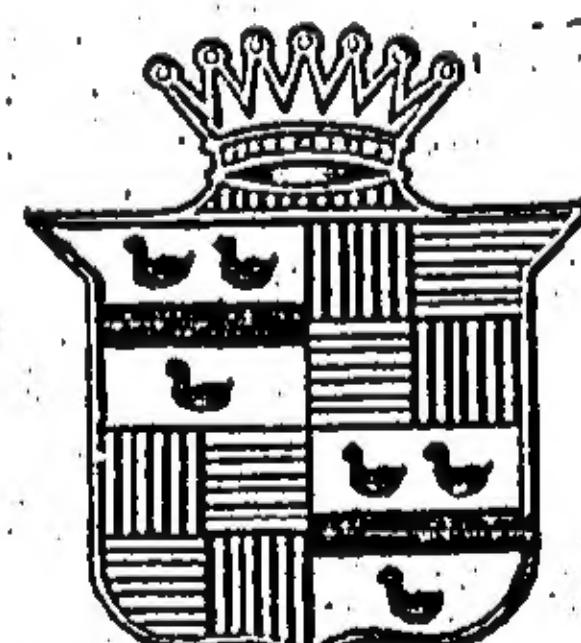
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**MASS TRIAL OF GREEK REBELS**—A music hall in Salonika, Greece, serves as a military court room for 114 Greek guerrillas captured after the shelling of Salonika. Fifty men and two women were sentenced to death. Most of the others were found innocent.



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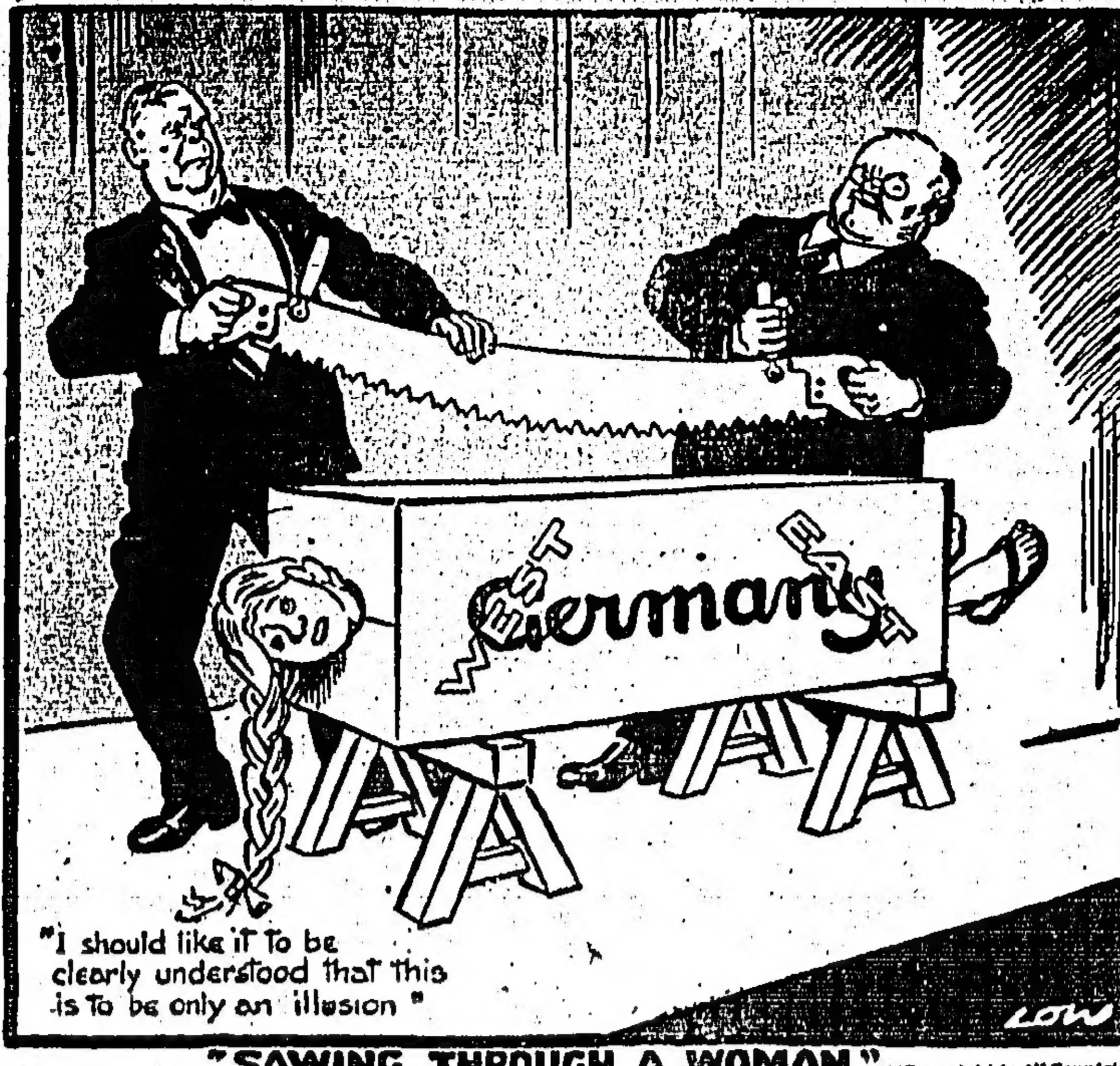
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## Robertson now faces two problems in the 'Berlin Bridgehead'

"He must be  
tough with  
one . . . and  
restraining  
with another"

BERLIN, April 12.—SIR BRIAN ROBERTSON has, to my mind, the most difficult job of any British official anywhere.

He is faced in Berlin by a crisis of conflicting interests none of which is in every respect identical with those of Britain.

On the one side he has the Soviet authorities. They want to eliminate the British, French, and American occupation forces from Berlin, where they constitute a dangerous Western bridgehead in Iron Curtain Europe. They want to make Berlin the capital of an Eastern Germany, as firmly isolated from the West as the other Iron Curtain countries. They want it as a base from which to communise the rest of Germany—and Europe. Robertson has to be firm in opposing their encroachments.

On the other side stands General Lucius Clay, one of the most powerful Americans today. He is commander not only of the American forces in Germany, but in the whole of Europe. He has been granted wider powers of discretion than have ever been given an ambassador. He has authority to "shoot if necessary."

And General Clay wants a showdown in Berlin.

### A shock

He wants Berlin, as he has again and again told his advisers during these last weeks, to become "a kind of bloodless Pearl Harbour," a signal to jerk the American people into militant action against their enemies. Soviet anxiety to eliminate the Westerners from Berlin, he believes, may lead them into deeds which will demonstrate to all Americans the ruthlessness of Moscow and the gravity of the Soviet menace to Europe and the Western world.

### Sefton Delmer's NEWSMAP

Already he claims their action in Berlin has hastened the passing of the Marshall plan. He expects the same help for Selective Service.

### Our envy

The consequence of this attitude is that the Americans act in Germany with a freedom from inhibition which many British envy.

Sir Brian has to exert a restraining influence on his American colleague—and on his own staff who would like to follow the U.S. line.

A Berlin cocktail party this week-end was an example. British officials were there and they were freely discussing the night's big news: General Robertson's note which accepted an Anglo-Russian inquiry into the air crash without insisting on the presence of French and American representatives.

"Shameful," "An indignity," "Climb-down," "Appeasement" were phrases they used about it. And among the critics were many senior men holding important posts.

I understand how they feel. But I do not agree with them. Their tempers have been strained to breaking point by Russian obstruction, insults, disloyalty and provocation. Last Monday's collision in their view presents an opportunity for "having things out."

But Sir Brian Robertson's moderate note establishing a judicial rather than a political atmosphere

for this inquiry is an act of statesmanship.

The inquiry, I believe from the evidence I have heard, will show that the collision was an accident.

### A new mark

BEFORE going to Berlin I took soundings at two other German key points in the political battle of Europe.

In Frankfurt, seat of the German Bizonal Administration, I found British and American officials, with French assistance, working on a project which will fundamentally change the economic set-up in West Germany.

They are making the preparations for a currency reform. The German mark will be made convertible into dollars at 3.30 marks to the dollar for import and export purposes under much the same conditions as the £.

But it will take many times as many of the old marks to buy the new.

For it is intended to wipe out the savings accumulated by Germans during the war as well as the black market profits and the six thousand millions of Soviet printed marks which have found their way to the West. At the same time food and goods are to be put on the German market in quantities not seen so far.

Germans, it is hoped, will begin to work for money once more instead of cigarettes.

### Holding out

THE importance of this currency reform was made clear to me in Dusseldorf, centre of the German steel industry and therefore a vital element in Europe's economic recovery.

Britain must import 1,000,000 tons of German steel scrap this year if our steel industry is to reach its target output.

But we shall be lucky if we get as much as 200,000 tons of scrap under present conditions.

Owners of Germany's steel scrap are hanging on. They refuse to part with it for valuable marks. The price they get for it now is worth barely ten cigarettes a ton.

Currency reform it is hoped, will change that by giving the mark some value.

## HOW TO CHECK THE SHOPLIFTERS

The mystery of shoplifting by "usually respectable" people was discussed at a London conference. It has been estimated

that shoplifting is costing £1,500,000 a year in London alone. Today a distinguished magistrate analyses this evil.

by CLAUD MULLINS

ALL magistrates are worried about shoplifters. Most of these tiresome people are "first offenders," but that does not always mean that they have not stolen before; it merely means that they have not previously been found guilty. But few of them are really criminals.

Can one classify shoplifters? I think so. I believe that three-quarters of them have stolen because the goods are inadequately protected. Shops of many kinds flaunt their wares and make them easily available.

The worst offenders are the chain stores that have island counters. In the middle are two assistants, but often only one. All round are counters with open trays filled with attractive goods. With the best of intentions an assistant, when serving a customer, cannot protect the goods in the trays at the back and at the sides of her.

### UNPROTECTED

Therefore, unless there is a second assistant who happens to be facing the opposite way, three-quarters of the trays are unprotected. If there is such a second assistant, the trays at her right and left remain unprotected.

These shoplifters almost convince themselves that they have a right to have the goods that they want.

Such people usually have no contacts with churches; religion means nothing to them. This is scarcely surprising, since religion teaches self-discipline and the wrongfulness of stealing other people's property.

3.—Kleptomania is sometimes put forward as a defence to a charge of shoplifting. Such a plea means that there was an irresistible impulse to steal. Technically this is no defence, according to our present law. Stealing may be an outward sign of many kinds of psychological trouble, but caution is necessary, especially when the articles stolen will be useful to the shoplifter.

### EASY DEFENCE

Keen as I have long been on the psychological treatment of offenders in suitable cases, I have misgivings about this plea in shoplifting cases.

If evidence of mental illness is given by an expert for the defence, it should always be checked by an expert acting for the prosecution. This defence is too easy and can easily be abused.

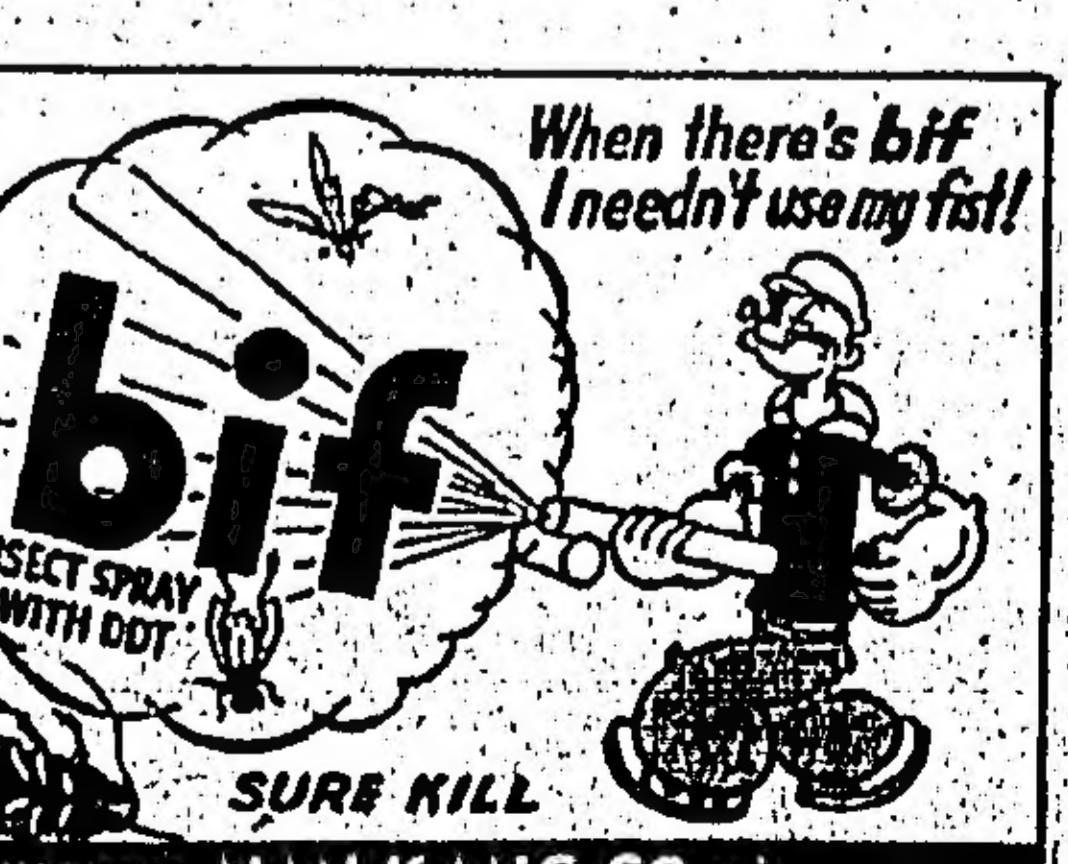
### THEY ESCAPE

I am convinced that for every offender who is caught, there are many who are not. Some firms, with many shops, have detectives who spend a period in one shop and then pass on to other branches.

When they are in branch X, the local court will have many cases from that branch, but almost none from the other branches Y and Z. Then branch Y is attended to by the mind.



### NANCY He's Got Something There!



By Ernie Bushmiller

## NEHRU'S WINNING TACTICS

Bombay, Apr. 25.—By threatening to resign from the Congress Committee, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, helped turn a probable defeat into a clear victory for the Congress leadership in the All-India Congress Committee here tonight.

The Committee was voting at the end of its session on an official resolution suggesting fresh elections to the All-India Congress Committee. The last were held two years ago.

On a show of hands, there was a majority of six against the resolution. Then Pandit Nehru intervened, protesting against the members' attitude.

A division was called and the resolution was carried by 103 votes to 98.

The opposition insisted that the present AICC should continue until fresh elections are held under the Congress Party's new constitution, which was adopted tonight.

### REDS DEMONSTRATE

The approaches to the AICC meeting were lined with about 100 Communists shouting slogans for the release of Communists recently arrested all over India.

The demonstrators were dispersed by the police after an hour.

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## Portuguese Bound Over

Mario Garcia, 21, clerk of the Mercantile Bank, residing at 1, Kennedy Street, Wan Chai, was bound over in a sum of \$500 by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central Court this morning to keep the peace for 12 months when he was convicted on a charge of assaulting Kam Shiu-lun on April 23.

Defendant, it was stated, injured the complainant with a small knife during an argument over the playing of a banjo by the complainant outside the defendant's cubicle.

Garcia was ordered to pay \$100 compensation to the complainant.

## NEWSVENDOR FINED

A fine of \$35 was imposed by Mr. d'Almada at Central Court this morning on Tam Mu, a 50-year-old woman hawk, for hawking newspapers at a place other than stipulated on her licence.

Inspector H. N. Moran said the woman was arrested by a constable of the Hawker Squad outside the Blue Bird Store. Her pitch should have been outside the Queen's Theatre.

Defendant told the Court she had just received her issues of Saturday's Hongkong Telegraph from the publishers, and was on her way to her pitch.

A police constable declared the woman was outside Blue Bird's corner for over 10 minutes.

## FALSE REPORT OF RAPE

A young married woman of 18, Kwok Hing-yi, appeared before Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon Court this morning charged with falsely reporting to the Police on Saturday that she had been raped by her father-in-law two days previously.

Appearing with Kwok was an older woman, Si Oi, 38, charged with aiding and abetting Kwok by telling her to make the report.

At the request of Sub-Inspector Channing, the accused were remanded for a day.

## U.S. Arms For Europe

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by equal determination on our part to help them do so."

It is in fulfillment of this pledge that a programme to send limited quantities of United States guns, munitions and planes to Europe is being drafted by State Department and Army officials.

Government sources believe only limited shipments will be requested because of America's own defence needs and the ton limit which can be mustered by the two nations.

The military plan would be separate from the European Recovery Programme, but Congressional sources said it would try to accomplish on the military front what the ERP sought to do on the economic front. That adds up to stabilisation of Western Europe and strengthening of the free governments.—United Press.

## PAULA By DENNIS WHEATLEY



Detective Sergeant Meadows of the C.I.D., called in on an attempted murder charge, finds life bewildering in the film studios.

## PRISON FOR BURGLARY

Chow Kai-che, 34, unemployed, was sentenced to one year's hard labour by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central Court this morning for burglary at 74 Jaffe Road, first floor, yesterday morning.

Defendant broke into the premises between 1 a.m. and 5.30 a.m. and stole clothing to the value of \$258.

He was additionally charged with breach of an expulsion order and given a further six weeks and recommended for banishment.

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## CAN PEOPLE STEAL OWN PROPERTY?

Can one steal one's own property?

That was the question which confronted Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon Court this morning when the hawkers, Wong Fook and Wan Lo, were charged with stealing a wooden box, a table cover, 13 plates and a scale, the property of Government, and with trespassing in Yau Ma Tei Police Station on Sunday.

The accused maintained that the property in the charge sheet was theirs.

According to Insp. Orem, the articles were seized by Sub-Insp. Dow during a hawkers raid and taken to the compound of the station. At 1 a.m. on Sunday, a constable saw the accused carrying the goods away. They dropped the articles when the alarm was raised.

Asking for confiscation of the goods, Insp. Orem said that they came from unlicensed cook food stalls, and were in filthy condition. They probably belonged to the accused.

"It is not a real theft," decided Mr. Blair-Kerr, fining the accused \$250 or three months for trespassing.

Inspector H. N. Moran told the Court that the midwife was attending the morning service. Sub-Inspector Wu Tak-sin was also in the congregation, and about 11.30 a.m. he saw Liu take the woman's handbag from her coat, wrap a newspaper around it and leave the Church. The Inspector followed Liu and arrested him outside with the handbag in his possession.

"You pretended, by going to Church, to be a good Christian, but you were caught stealing," Mr. d'Almada added.

Liu, who had nothing to say, was also recommended for banishment.

## SIAMESE FORGED NOTES: TWO MEN ON TRIAL

The story of how a money-changer failed to distinguish between genuine and forged Siamese tical notes until he tried to resell part of a large quantity which he had bought was related at the Criminal Sessions this morning at the trial of two men on charges concerning forged banknotes.

### MIDWIFE

## ROBBED IN CHURCH

"You are not only a thief. You are a hypocrite," said Mr. d'Almada at Central Court this morning, when he sentenced Liu Ok-fung, 26, unemployed, a recent arrival from Canton, staying at the Kam Toi Hotel, Kowloon, to six months' hard labour for the theft of a handbag containing \$86.35 from Ha Wai-chun, a midwife, in St Paul's Church yesterday morning.

The trial was before Mr. Justice Gould and a jury which included five women.

Another man, Wong Pui, 31, travelling trader, was also arraigned, but on his pleading guilty to the charge of misprision of a felony through Mr. A. J. Clifford, instructed by Mr. C. A. S. Russ, Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, offered no evidence against him on the other counts. Sentence on him will be passed at the end of the trial.

Mr. Reynolds said that on December 30, Yiu went to a money-changer's shop, the Wing Cheung, at 6 Pedder Street, with 25 20-tical notes. The money-changer purchased the notes at \$25 per 100 notes, which was approximately the market rate. About 15 minutes later, Yiu returned with the same quantity which he had sold. He then told the money-changer that he had still about 17,000 ticals and that he had been offered \$25.20 per 100 by another shop. On the money-changer agreeing to pay the new rate, Yiu then brought the notes. A few were rejected because of ink spots but approximately 17,500 were bought, making a total of \$4,383.60.

Notes Sold

The money-changer later sold most of the notes to a customer at \$25.50 per 100, but when he tried to sell the remainder to another money-changer, he received certain information as a result of which he held the notes back.

On January 13, after the money-changer's suspicions had been aroused, Yiu phoned him and offered to sell further 17,000. The money-changer stalled and asked for Yiu's telephone number but this was refused. Yiu said he would ring up again later. In the meantime, the money-changer, as a result of investigations, had come to the conclusion that the notes were forged. Yiu rang up again the same day and was told by the money-changer that the offer would be accepted. Meanwhile, the Police were sent for, and when Yiu arrived with approximately 17,000 ticals worth of notes he was taken into custody.

He admitted to the Police that the notes were forged, and as a result of information given by him, a visit was paid to an address in Wing Lok Street where the 20-tical notes in a basket and Hui were found. According to Yiu, Hui was the man who introduced him to the place for the forged notes.

He then told the Police to his own house where he produced 90 20-tical notes.

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# TELEGRAPH'S Page Of SPORTS NEWS

OLYMPIANS WIN

By "RECODER"

## TEAM FOR LONDON SCORE THROUGH BETTER FORWARDS

China's Olympic Soccer team, fielding six replacements from Saturday's turnout, won 7-3 at Happy Valley yesterday against Hongkong's "B" team for China's National Games at Shanghai next month.

Played in a heavy downpour of rain, the game lost much through many spills on the slippery grass. Standard was fairly high all through and the Olympic team was as often on the defensive as at their opponents' end of the field.

Lack of finish in the National "B" team's forward line made all the difference and the score could have easily been closer than it was.

The Olympic team showed poorer staying power than would be expected of it and the opposition had all the play in the last 25 minutes of the game when they caught up to 3-7 after having been led 7-11.

A demoralised defence faced the Olympic forwards, in good though not sterling form, as the Olympians scored in the first minute of the game, were two up before five minutes' play and three up before a quarter-hour.

Chinese Athlete's Yu Kai-yan, playing goalie for the National Games "B" Team, fell out badly on the first two goals, easy ones put in by Lee Tai-fai and Chou Man-chi. He was on better form in the later stages of the game.

### ROUT HELD OFF

It seemed after the second goal that there was to be a rout and a goal-scoring spree that would see double figures. But the "B" Team had even more fighting spirit than the Olympians and took the initiative in a series of raids on the Olympic goal that saw considerable excitement but no finish.

The "B" Team forwards had two good spelling fullbacks to contend with and Hau Yung-sang was at his best, his powerful kick swinging the initiative to the other end of the field again and again.

The Olympic team showed up as a good team. It could be considerably improved by the inclusion of some players who did not make it, notably Tang Yee-kit, but as a team it should do as well as any that could be selected from about three full elevens that could have made it in a year when the standard has been as high as it was through the past season.

However, it showed up badly yesterday in one important respect. There seemed to be an absolute dearth of strategy. There was no lack of combination. Passing was accurate and the Olympians played together with a minimum attempt by individuals to shine on their own.

Where the team failed was in what seemed a complete lack of interest in studying the opposition's play and exploiting its weaknesses. A desire for more goals paid little heed also to sudden turns of the tide when a long clearance caught the opposition forwards dangerously unmarked and in complete control of the ball.

### WASTED CHANCES

The "B" Team just failed to make the most of these opportunities. Their approaches were well-timed, their wildness when confronted by a spelling defender a continual disappointment.

The first half was even enough. Lee Shiu-wing scored a third goal on a pass from the right-wing in the 15th minute of the game and Chou Man-chi netted one from close range in the 25th.

There were no more goals in the last 10 minutes and play was even enough for the score to have been nothing better than 2-1, possibly 2-2 had the "B" Team made the most of their chances.

Play was as even in the second half. The ball was kept travelling from one end of the field to the other. With a more accurate finish, the Olympic forwards netted when they were given the opportunity, the "B" forwards didn't.

Cheung Kam-hoi headed in the first goal of the second half on a pass from Ho Ying-fun. Chou Man-chi the second goalie and left-back netted him and misjudged badly. Lee Shiu-wing the third on a lucky curving shot that just shaved the goalie's head in what resembled a bounce and landed a foot or two beyond him.

That was as far as the Olympians got. They had little of the play in the remaining 20 minutes that saw the "B" team kick wide or high on as many opportunities as they netted.

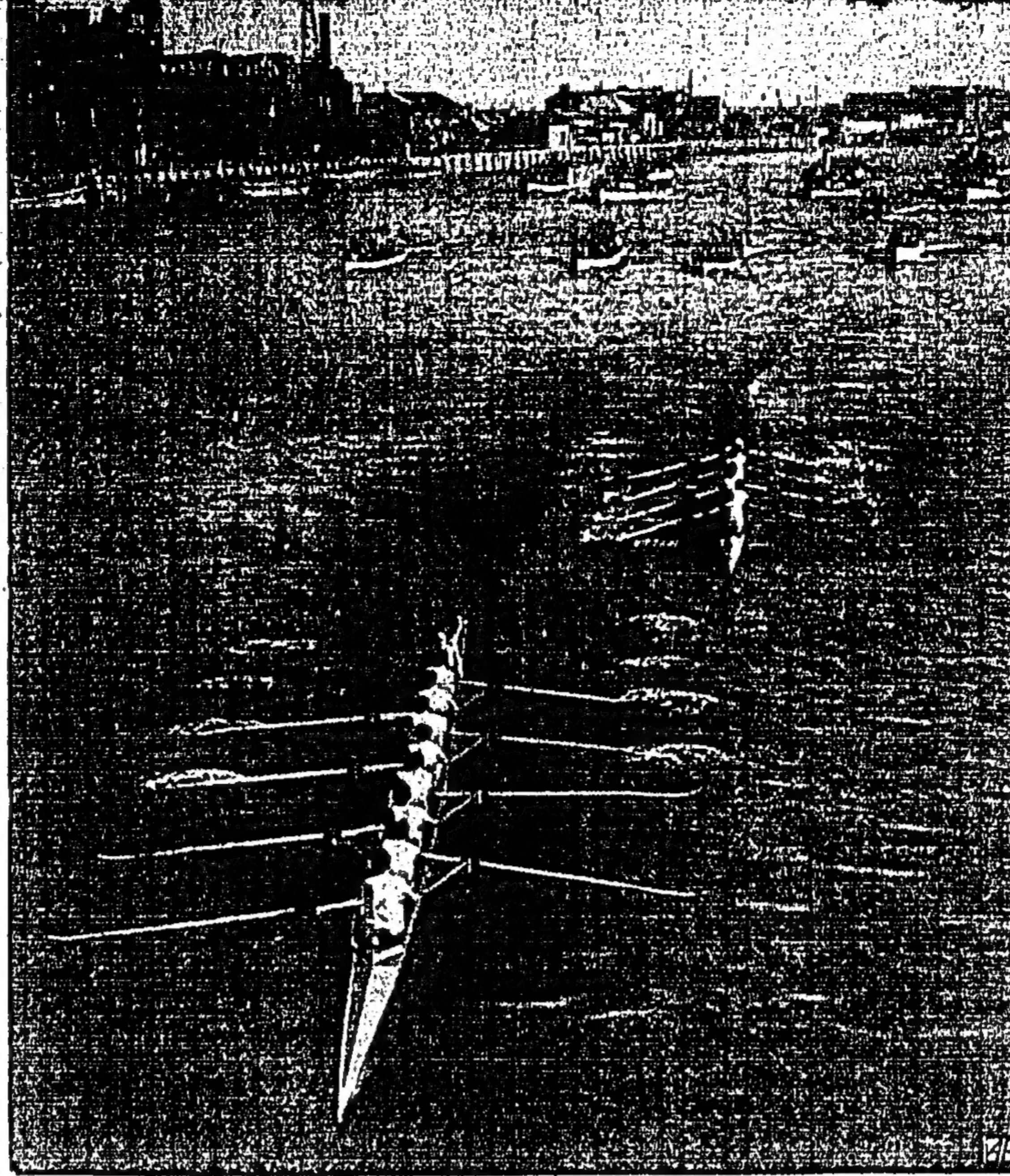
The "B" Team's left wing was stronger, though the right wasn't too weak either. It was on the left wing that more of the opportunities came.

### LATE RALLY

Cheung Chung-kong, the inside-left netted the first of the three goals that came of the "B" team's late rally on a follow-up from a corner kick. A few minutes later



## CAMBRIDGE CREW LEADS



Crew of Cambridge University (foreground) leads Oxford on Thames River in the 9th race between the two British universities. Cambridge won the 4½-mile event in record time of 17 minutes and 50 seconds for its 50th victory.

### BASEBALL

## ATHLETICS AND SENATORS SPLIT DOUBLE HEADER

New York, Apr. 25.—In the American League, the Philadelphia Athletics split a double header with the Washington Senators. They won the opener 4-0 behind the pitching of Carl Schell, but dropped the nightcap 3-7 when the Senators broke out in a rash of base hits for five runs in the seventh inning. Homers by shortstop Eddie Joost and third baseman Hank Majeski accounted for all the Philadelphia runs in the second game.

The Chicago White Sox split a double header with the Saint Louis Browns to win their first victory of the season. The Sox broke a 1-1 tie in the eighth to win the first game 4-1. The Browns took an early lead in the second, and held off a Chicago rally, taking the game by seven runs to the White Sox's six.

The Boston Red Sox' four-run rally in the ninth against southpaw Ed Lopat fell one short as the New York Yankees defeated them 5-4. Outfielder Joe DiMaggio hit his second homer of the season with two on.

The Cleveland Indians remained unbeaten by unleashing a barrage of hits on Hal Newhouser to defeat Detroit 7-4. Third baseman Ken Keltner hit two homers and first baseman Eddie Robinson hit one for the Indians. Second baseman Eddie Mayo hit one for the Tigers.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

In the National League, newcomer Sheldon Jones pitched a two hit triumph for the Giants as the New Yorkers took both ends of a double-header from the Boston Braves, 6-2 and 6-0. Giant catcher Walker Cooper hit a four run homer in the 10th to win the first game.

Dutch Leonard pitched Philadelphia to a 6-3 victory over the Brooklyn Dodgers. Rightfielder Del Ennis hit a homer while shortstop Granville Hammon collected six hits to lead the Philly attack.

Russ Meyer pitched a one-hitter to lead the Cubs to a 3-1 triumph over the Saint Louis Cardinals. Centerfielder Hal Jeffcoat smashed a two run homer for the Cubs.

Fourteen pitchers saw action as the Cincinnati Reds and Pittsburgh Pirates split a doubleheader. Cincinnati won the first game 7-6 as leftfielder Honk Sauer smashed a ninth inning homer to break a tie.

The Pirates won the homer-studded second game by 13 runs to the Reds' 10. Sauer collected two homers and Del Kuzewski hit one for the Reds.

Pirate Wally Westlake hit one with three men on base.—Associated Press.

### McKenley Will Run For Jamaica

Boulder, Colorado, Apr. 26.—Herb McKenley, the former University of Illinois star runner, who has been expected to compete for Britain in the Olympics, has decided to go to London on a five man team representing his native Jamaica.—Associated Press.

### SOUTH AFRICAN TEAM

Capetown, Apr. 26.—South Africa has nominated five athletes and six cyclists to compete in the Olympic games in London.—Associated Press.

### AMERICAN SOCCER TEAM

New York, Apr. 26.—The United States Olympic soccer team will be selected on May 18 following a series of trials throughout the country.—Associated Press.

### RUGGER

London, Apr. 26.—The Metropolitan Police rugby team defeated the French gendarmerie on Sunday 16-3.

The British Home Secretary, Mr. Chuter Ede, and visiting police officials from Paris were among the big crowd that saw the game.—Associated Press.

### THE SCORES AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Washington (1st Game)	0	6	1
Philadelphia	4	9	0
(Winning pitcher Carl Schell)			
Washington (2nd game)	7	12	0
Philadelphia	3	3	1
(Winning pitcher Ray Scarborough)			
Chicago (1st game)	4	12	1
Saint Louis	1	9	1
(Winning pitcher Grove)			
Chicago (2nd game)	0	10	0
Saint Louis	7	12	2
(Winning pitcher Potter)			
Boston	4	8	2
(Winning pitcher Ed Lopat)			
Cleveland	7	10	0
Detroit	4	8	0

	R	H	E
New York (1st game)	6	11	0
Boston	2	10	2
(Winning pitcher Trinkle)			
New York (2nd game)	6	8	0
Boston	2	1	1
(Winning pitcher Sheldon Jones)			
Philadelphia	6	14	0
Brooklyn	3	9	1
(Winning pitcher Dutch Leonard)			
Saint Louis	1	1	2
Chicago	3	7	0
(Winning pitcher Meyer)			
Pittsburgh (1st game)	6	10	0
Cincinnati	7	10	0
(Winning pitcher Darryl Gumbert)			
Pittsburgh (2nd game)	13	11	1
Cincinnati	10	11	0
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TENNIS

### Prague Claims

### Match Still On

Prague, Apr. 25.—Czech tennis officials insisted today that the Davis Cup tennis star, Jaroslav Drobny, and three teammates will return from Italy next week and play a scheduled Davis Cup match with Brazil here from May 8-10.

The Czech Lawn Tennis Association reported that a telegram was received from Palermo, Sicily, stating that the team planned to return to Czechoslovakia in 10 days and definitely would play Davis Cup matches.

It said the telegram, signed simply by "Players," reported that the four tennis stars were delaying their departure from Italy because Drobny's elbow is bothering him again and he needs a rest.

The others are Vladimír Černík, Milan Matovs and Helena Stránská.

The press unanimously ignored foreign agency stories stating that the players would not return.—United Press.

### BOTVINNIK DRAWS

Moscow, Apr. 25.—The game between Dr Max Euwe (Holland) and Mikhail Botvinnik (Soviet Russia) ended in a draw at the 20th move in the 17th round of the world chess championship here today.—Reuter.

## CHINESE NATIONAL GAMES

### Athletes Converge On Shanghai For Big Meet

Shanghai, Apr. 25.—Athletes from all parts of Asia began to arrive during the week-end at Shanghai for the seventh China national athletic meet opening on May 5 in which some Olympic candidates will be chosen.

About 60 Chinese Indonesians arrived on the Dutch ship Obesse Vain. The Indonesian team is the strongest in swimming and track. Other teams from North China, Malaya and other Asia sections are en route. Participating athletes are expected to be about 3,000.

China is to enter the largest number in the 11-day tournament at the Kiangwan Stadium. Singapore, Bangkok, Hongkong, Manilla and Batavia are all to have substantial teams. Also teams composed of New York and San Francisco Chinese are to enter.

The Chinese games will serve as an elimination meet for the Olympics. The selection committee named to pick China entries in the Olympics has hopes of winning a point for the first time. The hope rests on Lau Wen-nau, 10,000-meter runner now competing in the United States but expected back for the meet. Besides track and field events, there also will be competition in swimming, basketball, football, volleyball, tennis and ping-pong.

**HUGE REPAIR JOB**

The Government is pushing a CN\$15,000,000,000 repair job on war-shattered Kiangwan civic centre stadium.

In addition, the Government is spending another, CN\$16,000,000,000 to repair highways leading from Shanghai to and around the stadium.

Living quarters for the 3,000 athletes from Far Eastern countries and the United States are being restored to first class condition. These quarters are located under the grandstand.

The stadium, which has a seating capacity for 40,000 spectators, includes a football field, a cinder track and space for field events.

A new hardwood floor is being built in the gymnasium and the entire structure has been cleaned and whitewashed. Its seating capacity will take care of 5,000 persons.

Repairs work is being rushed on the swimming pool, which was not as severely damaged as other parts of the civic centre. The pool's grandstand will hold about 4,000.

Besides repair work, the NAM committee is building several tennis courts and outdoor basketball courts.—Associated Press.

### CYCLING

## PARIS TO LONDON

Belgium will join France and Great Britain this year in the Paris to London cycling race from May 15-17. Luxembourg may make a fourth nation for the race, which was inaugurated last year and won by France.

George Fleming of Britain captured individual honours, however, covering the 236 miles in 10 hours, 14 minutes 51 seconds actual riding time.

France and Britain each supplied



# Big South China Development Scheme Forecast

## Nationalisation A Success

London, Apr. 25.—Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, Secretary for War and former Minister of Fuel, told a meeting in the Easington mining area of Durham today that the nationalised coal industry was "working very well, having regard to the unfavourable circumstances."

Mr. Shinwell referred to a report—already published—that the Government was to authorise an inquiry into the working of the National Coal Board.

"Parliament has accepted nationalisation and we are determined there will be no monkeying about with the administration of nationalisation by busybodies who would be far better employed promoting efficiency in private industry," he said. He had no doubt that there will be a House of Commons debate on the activities of the National Coal Board. "We cannot expect to achieve the production figures everybody desires until there is an efficient machinery established in the pits."—Reuter.

### NOTICE

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED

Notice To Shareholders

### ADOPTION OF NEW ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 28th April, 1948, at 12.15 p.m., or at such time as the Ordinary Annual Meeting of Members to be held at the same place at Noon shall terminate, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Special Resolution:—

"That the New Articles of Association produced to the Meeting, and for the purpose of identification subscribed by David Fortune Landale, Chairman of the Company and of the Meeting, be adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing Articles of Association of the Company."

A copy of the Proposed New Articles can be inspected by any Shareholder at the Offices of the Company during the usual office hours.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
C. E. TERRY,  
Manager and Secretary,  
Hongkong, 5th April, 1948.

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Closing of Transfer Books  
Notice is also given that the Register of Members and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 15th April, 1948, to 28th April, 1948, both days inclusive.

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## TIED TO U.S. AID PROGRAMME

Shanghai, Apr. 25.—The recent visit to South China of United States officials who joined with Chinese authorities in inspecting agricultural, electric power and harbour facilities, today was linked to reports that the Chinese government is preparing a South China development programme of considerable magnitude.

Both military and economic considerations are said to be involved, with the use of some of the funds appropriated by the United States Congress playing a major role. The Chinese and American governments will be joint administrators in setting up the programme.

## Hotel Guests To Be Screened

Shanghai, Apr. 26.—Hotel guests who have no regular employment and who cannot give good reasons for staying in hotels will be closely questioned and investigated by the police in future, it is learned today.

This step is said to be in connection with the tightening up of the "rebel suppression movement" and ferreting out of undesirable elements in Shanghai.

An investigation of Buddhist and Taoist monks, who usually take up temporary abode in temples and monasteries while passing through the city, will also be instituted.

### POLICE REGISTRATION

It is understood that hotel guests will be requested to register with police booths, which will be established at various street corners throughout the city, if they intend to stay in a hotel for more than one month.

Police information indicated that most of the hotel guests use fictitious names for registration and that their true identification has been difficult to ascertain. It is also alleged that many of these hotel guests are engaged in illegal activities.

The police also intimated that a census will be carried out at Shanghai's 100 temples and all monks will be issued resident certificates as ordinary residents.—Reuter.

## The Future Of Australia

Sydney, Apr. 25.—Commenting on the nationalisation of banks in Australia, Mr. Reginald Pollard, Minister of Commerce, said at a Labour Day dinner at Ballarat last night: "We will go on and on until eventually in Australia you will have a great co-operative Commonwealth."

"Its wealth will be owned by the people and will be operated in a socialist manner for our people as a whole."

Australian banks became nationalised under an Act which received the Royal assent last November, but in February trading banks and the States of Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia began a law suit in the Australian High Court to restrain the Commonwealth Government from proclaiming the Act.

After a 30-day hearing, judgment was reserved on April 15.—Reuter.

## Soviets Release Barges

Berlin, Apr. 25.—Barges held up at a Soviet checkpoint on the river Elbe since last Tuesday began to enter the British Zone today, it was officially announced. The barge skippers had been told by the Soviet authorities not to re-enter the Soviet Zone without first obtaining new documents, the announcement said.

As the British authorities have no information about these new documents, it is unlikely that water traffic into or through the Soviet Zone will be renewed until the position is further clarified, it added.

The French Military Government today instituted a motor bus service between Berlin and Brunswick after Thursday's cancellation by the Russians of two express coaches.—Reuter.

## Nudists' Complaint

Birmingham, Apr. 26.—Residents of a Warwickshire nudist colony complained to the RAF that low flying pilots were stealing a peek. They said the flyers were swooping down on the camp swimming pool leaning out and making gestures at the people below.

A senior RAF officer announced that it will not happen again.—Associated Press.

## Students May Strike

Shanghai, Apr. 26.—Fudan University students have threatened to stage a general strike today if the school's administration refuses to approve the convocation of a "school representative meeting"—an organisation similar to the already banned self-governing student body, it was learned this morning.

At this proposed meeting, the students of various schools in the university would be adequately represented. Indications this morning were that the university authorities would permit the requested meeting, in order not to allow the situation to grow worse.

Meanwhile, both the police and university chiefs are continuing to probe into the students' allegation that three notorious men invaded and searched the school premises last week—a cause of the present trouble in the institution.—Reuter.

## PROKOFIEFF IGNORES HIS CRITICS

### Refuses To Renounce Compositions

Moscow, Apr. 25.—Prokofieff, one of the leading Soviet composers, had still failed to reply to the Soviet Communist Party charges of "formalism" in his music when the Soviet Composers Congress, at which many composers have admitted the truth of party criticism, continued its session today.

"Formalists" composers were recently denounced by the Central Committee of the Communists Party for being "influenced by the modernistic bourgeois music of Britain and America."

Dmitri Shostakovich, another well-known composer, admitted that he had followed the wrong road and declared that Soviet musicians "must fight with all our strength against the influence of modern foreign music."

He promised to seek the way to a realistic, popular art.

### GUIDING CRITICISM

Shostakovich, who was one of the composers accused of displaying "bourgeois and formalist" influences in his music by the Central Committee, admitted the justice of the criticism. "The divorce from their national traditions could have led to certain of our composers—the formalists—into a blind alley had it not been for the timely warning given by the Central Committee."

"Having now studied it thoroughly, I may say that I am really grateful to the Communist Party for this guiding criticism."

Mikhail Khrushnikov, Secretary-General of the Organising Committee, reviewing the Conference speeches, said the silence of Prokofieff and Nikolai Myagkovsky testified "that they continue to remove themselves from the collective and follow the individualistic charter of their conduct during the past few years."

The letter of Vissarion Shebalin to the Congress and the statements by Muradell and Khatchaturian had failed to satisfy the audience, he said.

The Congress will continue tomorrow.—Reuter.

## OUR NEW GOC

London, Apr. 25.—Major General F. R. G. Matthews, now Commandant of the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, England, has been appointed General Officer in command of Land Forces, Hongkong.

He succeeds Major General W. E. J. Erskine, who has been appointed Director of the Territorial Army and cadets at the War Office.—Reuter.

## Plan To Drive Illiteracy Out Of China

Shanghai, Apr. 25.—The Ministry of Education today is engaged in a long-range programme to drive illiteracy out of China.

Adults as well as children will benefit from the programme, according to a report issued by the Ministry's Research Commission which is charged with the organisation of experimentation districts, co-ordinating their activities and which also serves as a liaison agency with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation.

The government has appropriated CN\$900,000,000, equivalent to about US\$1,100,000 for the first half of 1948 to subsidise this educational work. The first experimental centres are being set up at Nanking, Chungking, Wuhan and Peking.

Reading and writing will be accentuated in the major phases of the programme, with some higher education to those qualified, but not able to pay regular tuition in middle schools and colleges.—United Press.

## China's Vice-Presidency Dilemma

### National Assembly To Meet Today

Nanking, Apr. 26.—The National Assembly, which broke up in an uproar yesterday, will remain in recess today while a delegation of the Assembly's Prezidium attempts to persuade the three Vice-Presidential candidates—General Li Tsung-jen, Dr Sun Fo and General Cheng Chich—to recall their withdrawal.

Meanwhile, both the police and university chiefs are continuing to probe into the students' allegation that three notorious men invaded and searched the school premises last week—a cause of the present trouble in the institution.—Reuter.

If the delegation's mission ends in success, a third ballot for the Vice-President will be held tomorrow morning.

The delegation consists of the following five persons—Dr Hu Shih, Bishop Paul Yu-pin, Miss Tseng Pao-ting, Mr Chen Chien-tien (Minister of Economic Affairs) and Mr Sun Ya-fu, of the Democratic Socialist Party.

Earlier, the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang decided at an emergency meeting to name a six-man delegation to persuade the three delegates to change their minds about not running.

News of General Li's sudden withdrawal from the Vice-Presidential elections resulted in much surprise and different interpretations among various elements.

### CLIQUE BLAMED

Observers who are familiar with Chinese politics blamed the trouble on a certain clique within the Kuomintang.

Civic leaders, who refused to authorise publication of their names, were quoted by Shanghai's China Press as expressing fear that if General Li Tsung-jen walks out of the capital as a result of his dissatisfaction with the obstructing pressure alleged to have been brought to bear upon his supporters, the whole Chinese political situation will go from bad to worse.

A Chinese newspaper editor was quoted by the China Press as taking delight in repeating the words attributed to the veteran "outspoken" Kuomintang leader, Mr Wu Tsu-hui: "Electoral, or no election, it is nothing. I say let's all go home."

A Government official, who returned to Shanghai from Nanking during the week-end, asserted that since the elimination of Mr Yu Yu-jen, President of the Control Yuan, from the second ballot, there has been some uneasiness among certain Kuomintang members.

The official, however, did not believe that General Li's sudden exit from the election was the result of friction between the Kwangtung and Kwangsi groups. He attributed it to a group of narrow-minded and self-seeking elements of the Party.

He added that these same people have been responsible to a large extent for the present trouble in China.—Reuter—AAP.

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